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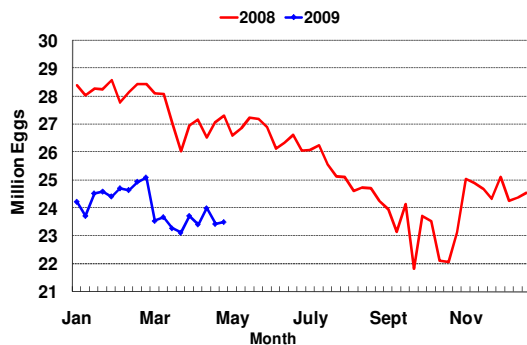
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Arkansas Chick Placements Down 12 Percent from Last Year

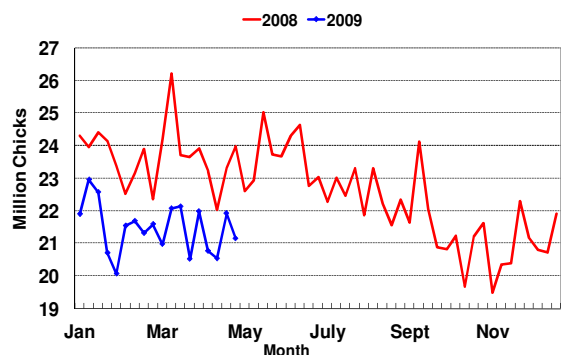
Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Arkansas were 21.2 million during the week ending May 2, 2009. Placements were down 12 percent from the comparable week in 2008 and down 4 percent from the previous week.

Arkansas hatcheries set 23.5 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending May 2, 2009, down 14 percent from the same period last year but virtually unchanged from the previous week.

Eggs Set In Arkansas, 2008-2009



Chicks Placed In Arkansas, 2008-2009



Broiler Eggs Set and Chicks Placed in 19 Major States by Week, April 4, 2009 - May 2, 2009

State	Eggs Set					Chicks Placed				
	Week Ending					Week Ending				
	4-Apr	11-Apr	18-Apr	25-Apr	2-May	4-Apr	11-Apr	18-Apr	25-Apr	2-May
	<i>Thousand</i>					<i>Thousand</i>				
Alabama	29,571	29,892	29,881 *	29,758	29,985	19,932	20,917	20,409 *	19,720 *	20,563
Arkansas	23,721	23,416 *	23,996 *	23,431 *	23,501	21,990	20,771	20,538 *	21,929 *	21,156
Delaware	3,469	3,580	3,585	3,529	3,615	5,211	4,473	4,370	4,758	5,033
Florida	946	956	979	991	994	707	707	726	685	695
Georgia	31,706	31,801	30,783	30,936	31,890	27,251	25,635	26,052	27,530 *	27,140
Kentucky	7,756	7,790 *	7,822	7,687	7,699	5,678	5,832	6,030	5,929	6,067
Louisiana	2,230	2,230	2,230	2,230	2,230	1,901	1,892	1,901	1,896	1,902
Maryland	9,053	9,169	9,160	8,963	8,799	6,088	6,597	6,661	5,637	6,088
Mississippi	17,870	17,750	17,622	17,659	17,124	17,067	16,764	16,491	16,899	16,586
N. Carolina	18,906	18,805 *	19,033	18,553	18,708	15,964	15,976	15,666	15,836	15,639
Oklahoma	7,245	6,962 *	6,793	6,690	6,630	4,069	5,648	4,531	4,601	4,931
Pennsylvania	3,919	3,931	3,952	4,061 *	3,873	3,226	2,978	2,879	3,168 *	3,105
S. Carolina	5,799	5,624	5,538	5,636	5,714	4,359	4,714	4,728	4,257	4,768
Texas	15,329	14,959	15,324	14,953	14,473	13,285	12,735	13,385	13,311	12,971
Virginia	6,179	6,158	6,179	6,236	6,283	4,764	4,310	4,987	5,475	4,562
CA,MO,TN & WV	19,898	19,978	19,545	19,627 *	19,327	17,458	16,599	17,322	17,784 *	16,494
19 State Total	203,597	203,001 *	202,422 *	200,940 *	200,845	168,950	166,548	166,676 *	169,415 *	167,700
Prev. Year Total	217,082	215,925	214,822	213,675	214,360	181,007	177,613	177,156	178,240	177,740
% of Prev. Year	94	94	94	94	94	93	94	94	95	94

* Revised in current week.

Broiler-Type Eggs Set In 19 Selected States Down 6 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 201 million eggs in incubators during the week ending May 2, 2009. This was down 6 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 85 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

Broiler Chicks Placed Down 6 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 168 million chicks for meat production during the week ending May 2, 2009. Placements were down 6 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 28, 2008 through May 2, 2009 were 3.02 billion, down 6 percent from the same period a year earlier.